Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ronald J. Freesemann has given over 35 years of dedicated public service with the United States Department of Agriculture, beginning June 10, 1968, in Chamberlain, South Dakota, as an assistant county supervisor for the Farmers Union Administration; then as the assistant county supervisor in Sioux Falls from May 1969 to July 1971; he then transferred back to Chamberlain as a supervisor from July 1971 to March 1979; then on to Watertown as the assistant district director from July 1979 to July 1985; and was promoted to district director for Rural Development in July 1985 up to the present time; and,

Whereas, Ron has distinguished himself as one of the most respected district directors in the agency because of his dedication to rural America, knowledge of the regulations, attention to detail, and high level of respect for colleagues, clients, and business associates; and,

Whereas, Ron has exemplified the mission of Rural Development, formerly known as the Farmers Home Administration, by committing his professional time and talents to developing rural America through the making of hundreds of loans and grants to farm families, home owners, rental housing developers, small rural communities, non-profits, and businesses; and,

Whereas, Ron is a native of Estelline, South Dakota, and married Arlene Sager of Rushville, Nebraska, on November 11, 1966; and,

Whereas, Ron and Arlene have enjoyed 36 years of marriage, during which they raised five wonderful children: Rhonda, Theresa, Troy, Ryan and Marla, and will now have more time to nurture their three grandchildren because of his scheduled retirement on July 3, 2003; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 3, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, friends and family as they recognize Ron for his commitment to a successful career and extend best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State